

whereby the image in conjunction with the message give a purchaser the impression that a pet is the intended recipient of the [edible greeting] card [is positioned within the vicinity of the pet so that the pet may ingest the substantially rigid edible panel and message].

Cancel claims 2-10, 13, 22, 24, and 26.

Remarks

Applicant and the newly-designated undersigned representative appreciate the personal interview which took place with Examiner Dauerman and SPE David Lacey on Thursday, October 21, 199. It is believed that this interview was considerably productive, and Applicant further appreciates the ability to submit this after-final amendment for consideration.

Claims 2-10, 13, 22, 24 and 26 have been canceled, leaving only claims 1, 18 and 19 remaining pending in this application. The canceled claims of this application have been deleted to expedite prosecution, without prejudice to the filing of continuation applications.

By this amendment, the limitations of claims 2, 13 and 22 have been moved into claim 1, and claim 1 has been modified in other ways to better define a preferred embodiment of the invention. In particular, claim 1 is now limited to a rawhide panel, wherein at least one graphical image of a pet and a textual message are formed on the same surface of the panel using an edible ink to give a purchaser of the card a clear impression that a pet, as opposed to a person, is the intended recipient. Certain other language removed from claim 1 did not, in Applicant's opinion, broaden the scope of coverage, but, rather, was deleted to better satisfy the requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Specifically, the message on the card, regardless of how formed, would, by

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